

# THE BRYANETTE

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"Abounding therein with THANKSGIVING."  
Colossians 2:7

Liberty to worship and serve God was the motivating power which led our forefathers to America and energized them to stand firm for their rights even to the sacrifice of their lives in battle. Again a world conflict resulted when liberties of lesser powers were defied by the destructive attempts of greedy nations. Then in the second world combat the enemy challenged our liberty to worship the living, true God, but as this year our hearts are re-echoing the cry of victory, indeed the

occasion for thanksgiving seems one of unsurpassed importance. Truly we give praise to God for His never-failing love and power revealed in His control of things temporal and eternal. If to the world this month is one of THANKSGIVING we would lift our faces toward God and unite to say we are "abounding therein with THANKSGIVING."

If you could hear the determined voice and lively step of Dean Ryther, if you could have seen Martha Brickell's glowing countenance after that call from Clair when he arrived in New York after two long years in active service overseas and see them both back at Bryan together, if you could have heard the words of Cpl. Virgil Sorge spoken in praise of Bryan in his message in chapel, if you could read the notes from many of our service men who are gaining new hopes for the future as they are rejoicing in their liberty to enjoy civilian life—yes, if you could just spend a few hours on Bryan Hill with us, as Dotty Bennett and Peggy Here did last year—you, too, would join in our theme song of praise to God for this renewed liberty, "abounding therein with THANKSGIVING."



2.

Pete Stegall, ex-'36, Philippines

From his division of the 13th Air Force comes the following report:

"Technical Sergeant Walter A. Stegall, Jr., Harriman, Tenn. has been returned to the United States under the point system. He was formerly an armor-bearer with the 'Fighting Cocks' squadron of Brigadier General Earl W. Barnes' 13th Fighter Command.

"Sergeant Stegall entered service in July 1943 and received his training at the armament school, Buckley Field, Denver, Colo. He was assigned to overseas duty in December 1942. His 'Jungle Air Force' outfit fought the Japs at Guadalcanal, through the Philippines and Borneo to the coast of French Indo-China and Singapore. He holds the Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon with 4 battle stars and the Philippine Liberation ribbon with one star. . ."

Edgerton H. Reid, '37, Akron, Ohio

(Ohio Messianic Testimony)

"We are enclosing . . . for the needs of the school . . . We hope the Lord and circumstances will enable you to start building soon. Returning service men will surely be needing jobs.

"Our Betty Joy is growing nicely but she has had trouble with sprouting teeth. That's one trouble Adam and Eve didn't have for themselves at least. She has been around with us on some visits and we hope she will grow up to be a great worker for the Lord."

William Kerr, '39, Burnettsville, Ind.

As a graduate of Grace Seminary in 1942 and being pastor of Burnettsville Baptist Church, Bill Kerr is mentioned in the Brethren Missionary Herald thus:

"At present he is attending Northern Baptist Seminary where he is completing his graduate work toward the Doctor of Theology degree in the field of Old Testament and Hebrew."

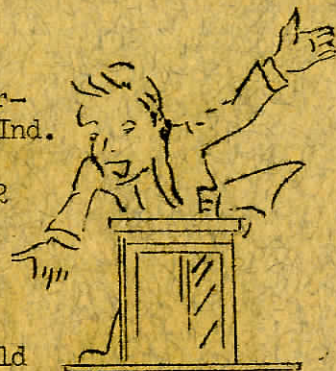
Hazel Green Smith, ex-'39, Cookeville, Tennessee

Hazel writes of her present residence in Cookeville where her husband was appointed station agent. Her daughter, Carryme is six years old while her twin sons, David and Donnie, are three.

Lewis '38 and Sarah '39 Llewellyn, Bloomfield, N. J.

"A few weeks ago we bumped into Solon and Kathryn Hoyt at Times Square. We were walking up one street and they were walking up the intersecting street; one of the very few times that Sally and I have been in the city of New York at night. Well, we had a Bryan reunion and then toured Rockefeller Center.

"Glad to hear that Major Ryther is back on Bryan Hill. We'd like to see him."





Edward '39 and Joyce '40 de Rosset,  
Apartado #57, Trujillo, Peru, S. A.

"Here we are with a handful of believers and no church building in which to gather, except a small rented room, and a big city full of those that know Him not. . .

"Almost before we got settled in our new home in May, Edward was put to work full speed, due to the illness or absence of Mr. Bell, the other missionary here in Trujillo. For almost two and one-half months it sometimes meant six services each week. . .

"We have prayed much that we might have yet more time for study and the Lord is answering. We have been able to find a lady who sews and knits beautifully. . . Now we have a young Christian girl in the church, and she has offered to help a bit with the housework once or twice a week. . .

"Peruvians can talk to Peruvians far better than we can ever hope to even after we are here a few years. Hence we are praying that some of the believers here will go to Bible school and then return to help with the Lord's work. . .

"We are collecting catalogues and information with the end in view of forming a small library for both study and lighter Christian reading for the people here.

"We thank you all for your prayers . . . that His name might be glorified."

Mildred Kuntz, '40, Lupton, Arizona

"At this special time of Thanksgiving, our hearts are filled with the appreciation of the many blessings which have come into our lives during this important year of 'Victory' for the whole world. Yes, there has also been victory in Navajoland for our Lord Jesus Christ.

"You will praise our Lord with me for the 26 souls who have made professions thus far this year. Some have moved away, but others come often and love to sing praises to our Lord. Their favorite hymns are 'Jesus Loves Me,' 'Our Saviour,' 'No Dark Valley.' At the present time, we are having Navajo reading classes with them. We are trying to teach them to read in their mother tongue, so they will be able to read the Navajo hymns, and other literature which is now available. Much prayer is needed for this task, because the Navajos live far away and it is difficult to have regular classes. . ."

Howard Kee, '40, Memphis, Tennessee  
(Regional Director, Young Life Campaign)

"I am planning to take a few courses there (Southwestern at Memphis), this fall. I rejoice to hear of the progress at Bryan and only wish that it were possible for me to have a material as well as a prayer share in the work."



4.

Charles Burdette, ex '41, Charleston Navy

"Have been in the Hospital ten days but expect to be at home within a month. My address in the future will be Signal Mountain, Tennessee.

"Thanks for the Bryan news that I have received."

Grace Levengood, '42, Dayton Tennessee

Rhea High's high school news column states:

"Another one of the popular members of the staff of Rhea High is Miss Grace Levengood. This is her first year at Rhea High and she teaches Freshman and Senior English. She is the sponsor of the Choral and Press Clubs and of the Junior class."

Robert Thompson, '42, Butler, Penna.

"My wife and I are once more happily situated in rooms. We have two rooms with my brother here in East Butler with all our own furniture and we like it a lot.

"It sure is swell to be a civilian again and be at home with my wife. . . . Our own little Raymond who is just past two months sure is a blessing to us.

"We have been having a real spiritual feast here in Butler, for Brother D. B. Eastop has been here two weeks in a revival campaign."

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### Greetings from Former Staff Members

Miss R. Iona Lyster, Aldan, Penna.

"News from Bryan sounds good. Things seem to be shaping up there for great things, the Lord willing. The prayer letter, the Alumni news, and a letter from Gerald Teeter all say that you folks there are still faithfully serving Him.

"The years are passing rapidly--is that a good sign? Folks here and work here do not seem to change much. . . .

"Mother wants to be remembered to you. She has been feeling fine this summer. The Lord has been good to me. He is always faithful."

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Timmerman, Hudsonville, Michigan

"Just to let you know how we are progressing. Dr. Rudd wrote he was to be at Berne, Ind. I wish he could have come on to Hudsonville. . . . Mr. T. still has it in his blood to come to Tenn. Can't get him to lay off work scarcely for a day, so guess he may as well be working there. Hope to be there by Dec. 1st at least."



Lt. Leonard Winstead, '43, Chanute Field

"Just before we took off for West Point on Monday I received the Bryanette. I enjoyed it much and am glad Major Ryther is there again. We weathered in at West Point for two days, so I had a look at New York City. . . We flew over Albany, Buffalo, Cleveland through rain, ice, and clouds for 800 miles, then the skies cleared in Indiana."

Written from Memphis, Tenn.:

"This southern atmosphere is more pronounced than I expected to find it. Just such a night as this reminds me of many of those pleasant evenings at Bryan. I hope we get to Chattanooga on one of our missions this week—we almost went there today. We flew here this afternoon and expected to return tonight, but we developed trouble on our take-off and had to make an emergency landing."

Pvt. Neil Benfer, ex-'43, EUROPE

"I have been in Marionbad, Czechoslovakia for some time and I am now across the border in Waldsassen, Germany with 69 points. I hope to reach the States before Christmas."

"I am applying for admission to New York University, the College of Engineering where I want to complete the meteorology course. The next semester starts Feb. 4, 1946. . ."

"I am anxious to visit Bryan."

Martha Tailander Hulings, ex-'43,

Mooreburg, Tennessee

". . . During the month of August we traveled about getting acquainted with the people and the territory in which we live. We visited many homes, leaving a gospel tract in each. To each person we saw on the road we also gave a tract."

The results of this ministry cannot be counted but we trust that the seed sown will bear fruit."

"Labor Day weekend was a time of blessing for each worker and for the group of young people who gathered here for a time of Bible conference. Our speaker, Rev. Will Rouse of Philadelphia, brought spirit-filled messages which brought results in the surrender of lives."

"The week after Labor Day we started our work in the schools, carrying the Scripture Memory Plan to 30 rural schools. We wish you could go with us when we set out to find new schools. We see a road leading off the highway, drive in, go bumpety-bump for a couple of miles watching for schools. . . All of the children are fine listeners and enjoy the brief message."

"So far we have contacted about 1250 children. . . We have been pleased with the response of the children. . ."

"Thelma has become quite a talker and Norman has learned to walk a little. Paul built them a special seat in the truck and they go to schools with us and play there while we are busy."



Eugene and Ernestine Rosenau, '44,  
Winter Garden, Florida

"There seems to come a time in the life of every Christian when we have to stop and wait for the Lord to open doors and give the green light and that is about what we are doing now. The folks in Africa have made arrangements for our stuff to go inland from the coast and so we are shipping it out in a week. We hope to get there about the same time, but as yet we know nothing of a sailing date. The boat company said that our party might get out in November, but they will not tell us anything definite until about the middle of the month. About the only thing that we can do is to pray, and in the end that always seems to be the best thing to do anyway.

"We are all in good health and are raring to go. Anna Kay will be four months old next week and she weighs 15 lbs. and is getting to the place where she can sit up by herself and has a very definite mind of her own.

"It is our prayer always that God will bless Bryan and make of it the school that it could and should grow to be. Thank you all for the BRYANETTE that we have been receiving. It has meant much to us in keeping us up with other roamers. . . .

"I have been learning more of the printing trade from the printer here in town who is a good Christian friend."

Anita Graham, '44, Deland, Florida

"Stetson is really great! We have a wonderful school of music. I'm taking piano, voice, organ, theory, choral conducting and aviation flight lessons. I didn't have any time left for the Chemistry and dramatics I wanted.

I'm here on a scholarship. . . . Very fortunate I am, and most grateful to Him for answered prayer. . . . I enjoy being choir conductor for the 1st Methodist Episcopal church here. Our choir is composed mostly of college students.

"Flying is really thrilling. I've never loved anything more. I had my first stalls last time. They almost took my breath away. We fly Taylorcrafts. . . .

"After those years at Bryan, winter here is a let-down. . . . What I wouldn't give to hike to Laurel Falls again and climb around on those huge rocks. . . .

"Our glee club here is excellent, with a hundred select voices. . . . I am one of the 2 accompanists for the chorus, as they call it. Some of the selections they feature are extremely difficult. We give the Messiah soon. Playing that is some task!

"Love to all the Bryan family, and tell the Major that it's his turn next for a letter to me. Don't keep him so busy that he has to neglect his ex-headaches."

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Cpl. J. Warren Wynkoop, ex'44, GERMANY

"... I have thought a lot about Bryan and the fun we used to have there, especially lately, for many of the kids have come to me to ask if they should take advantage of the G.I. Bill of Rights and go back to college or start when they get home.

"Most of the men of this battalion who are not replacements like myself, have far more than the necessary 35 points to return home. I only have 67, for I did not come in until Cassino. My points came the hard way, from five major campaigns....

"This battalion is going home, but my orders have already come through to report to an engineer regiment in the vicinity of Kasel for occupation....

"My orders read that I am not to report 'until present duties are completed.' My present duties are to complete a 150,000 word book with 600 photographs and 60 cartoons and paintings that is on the press now at University of Heidelberg print shop. It is a battalion history for the men of the battalion, and the first edition has already been oversubscribed....

"I have been overseas 25 months now, 18 of them in combat, and I am getting a little anxious to try my English again. I can talk in Arabic, Italian, French, and German, but my English is slipping."

Professor Beatrice Batson '44, peers over her books to say "Hello to y'all."

7.  
Richard Morrey, ex'44, Pensacola, Florida

His wife, Jean, writes:

"You may well know we are one happy family now that we're reunited. Richard arrived home September 11 and is back in Pensacola for advanced training. He and Nancy get along fine now that they've become acquainted.

"Roy and Dotty (Grote) are stationed about 45 minutes ride from us and we've visited with them several times. Richard and Roy and Dotty chatter over and over their Bryan memories and news.

"Remember us to all our friends there."

Carl B. Zytowski, ex'44, Buckley Field, Denver, Colo.

"I may have told you of my intention to attend a Conservatory after my discharge, which, praise Him, may be very soon. At present, I am interested in Illinois Wesleyan, a small university only a 150 miles from my home.... Virgil and I have been together several times, and he has introduced me into a very active young people's group in Denver. Had the privilege of singing for Him at a service in Virgil's church last Sunday evening. I understand from Virgil that (Major) Dean Ryther is now a happy civilian and I am certainly happy for what it will mean to the University."

Cpl. Bill Toliver, Plattsburg Barracks, NY.

Bill received his rating recently at the Army Air Force Convalescent Hospital at Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y.



8.  
Joseph '44 and Berty ex'46 Sullivan,  
Dallas, Texas

"It's certainly been a long time since we've written to you, but seems as if there just isn't any time! How we'd love to be there for a while and meet all the new freshmen and even meet the sophomores, since we didn't get to Bryan last year!

"The Lord has been blessing us so abundantly!! He has given us a church of our own, and it keeps us busy. It's independent, situated 25 miles from Dallas. They are building us a new, modern, five-room, brick-veneer, parsonage and we still can't believe that we are actually going to live in it! Joe has quit working at the plant. . . and it's so much easier for him to get his studies now. I'm going to keep on working 'til

January, then I'm going to take a small trip to Memphis, and who knows!! Maybe I'll make it to Bryan too.

"My brother is stationed at Ft. Sill, Okla. now, as a radar instructor and he can come over here in just a few hours. It's grand having him so near.

"We 'Dallas Bryanites' were all over at Eileen's and Dick's, when Milton Murphy was there. He's just the same Milt and we had wonderful fellowship in him. There is just nothing like Bryan fellowship!

"I'm attending Dallas Bible Institute now, every Tuesday night. It's wonderful! I come home bubbling over with all the blessings I receive.

"How is Ann Wildern behaving? It doesn't seem possible that my own class are all seniors now..."

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Albert F. Wyllie, '44, Waverly, Iowa

"The Lord has supplied my full support through a small church in Bagley, Minn. These people have caught a real missionary vision and have undertaken by God's help to make me their first full-time missionary. . . Not only did they undertake my full support, but they have also given to me the sum of \$740 towards my passage to the field. . . My outfit needs are coming along nicely too, but there are a few 'bottlenecks' here also. The need of camping equipment, such as canvas cots, canvas chairs, and small tables have not yet been met. . .

"As to my sailing, I have this word to pass along. The S. S. Gripsholm is sailing from New York on or about December 14, and if I am ready there is a possibility that I shall be able to sail on this ship."

Ed Wade, '44, Arlington, Virginia

"I received the last issue of the BRYANETTE, and it was very interesting to read. Major Ryther's return to Bryan is surely good to know...I was sorry that I didn't see him when he was in Washington...Last week I enjoyed attending a revival."



Gwen Hay, '45, Waverly, Iowa

"The recent NEWSETTE, with the gay picture of some of you made me more homesick for Bryan than anything in quite a while. . .

"The Lord has really been blessing both Al and me, and if you want to see Him work in supplying every detail, then just become a missionary. Just this afternoon I received my British passport, so chances are in a little over a month, I will be on the broad Atlantic, with my face "set toward the East." It may interest you to know that the probable route will be from New York (on the Gripsholm, Dec. 14—D.V.) to Portugal, to Alexandria, Egypt, and then by plane across the Sahara to Kano, Nigeria. Please pray that His will may be done and we shall leave just at the right time. We do not yet know whether or not we will be able to go together—probably not."

Cleo Graham, '45, New Orleans, La.

"It is so wonderful here. (Southern Baptist Hospital) Yes—it's classes and study and lab. work and exams, and that is about all. And considering the outlook I brought here concerning a stiff study schedule and all that goes with dormitory life—or more specifically, all that does not go with it—the only answer is God, for surely 'My cup runneth over.' Will I ever learn that God's will is not grievous?"

Henry Moeller, ex'45, Chungking, CHINA

"The September issue of the NEWSETTE reached me yesterday, some of the first mail to come to me in several days, and you can be sure that I enjoyed reading all about the happenings at Bryan. The article by Miss Batson entitled, 'The Christian College and the Social Challenge' was especially good, I thought. The Alumni News and On the Campus columns are always interesting to me for it lets me know what my friends and acquaintances made at Bryan are doing. More than that, it is just a little touch of home to me.

"It was with some regret that I learned of Dr. Cole's passing, for it had been my anticipation of being in one of his classes upon my return to school. No doubt our gracious Lord is showing him greater mysteries and wonders than those his science dealt with.

"There is some talk around here of our evacuating China by the end of Dec...

"The prayer bands of the F.M.F. should give special emphasis to the needs of China at this time, as should all Christians everywhere. Many missionaries have had high hopes of returning to their fields and work, but disappointing news is coming to many of them. The Japs have been evacuated from mission property in many places, only to have Chinese troops seize the compounds for their own uses. . . Truly this is a time for Christians to ask the God of power to show Himself mighty for His own."



Dorothy Borrer, ex'46, Columbus, Ohio

"I am thinking of entering Ohio State in January, the Lord willing. It is wonderful to hear of the growth at Bryan, and especially of the return of Dean Ryther. I do enjoy the BRYANETTE and NEWSETTE very much.

"I am still working in the Insurance office, and am enrolled in the Columbus Bible Institute; and the Lord has blessed in letting me teach our Junior Choir, a Sunday School class, and just recently I've been asked to be advisor for a Junior Christian Endeavor, . . .

"I'm trusting the Lord to direct and open or close doors as He sees fit. There isn't any need to say that I personally would rather be enrolling at Bryan, but it doesn't seem possible, and I feel the need of further preparation somewhere, to be better able to serve the Lord."

Lester and Genevieve Pifer, ex'46, Winona Lake, Indiana

"We thought much of Bryan again this year as school began, just wishing we could be in on it too. I get so homesick for Bryan. However, we know we are in the Lord's will and His blessings have been many. We want you to know that though we can't support Bryan at this time financially that we are two most faithful supporters in every way we can be. . . .

"Bethel Lynne is now over four months old and she is so precious."

Willis and Ruth Witsky, ex'47, Wadsworth, Ohio

"I felt that I simply must write to you and let you know how we are and what we are doing since we were unable to return this year. At the present time I am pastor of a Brethren mission church in Wadsworth, Ohio. I really don't feel worthy of the position, but evidently the Lord wants me here because He has worked out everything. Realizing my ability, I will appreciate your prayers—my lack of ability I should say.

"From the reports I hear, Bryan has an outstanding staff this year. And since Major Ryther is back it should seem like old times again. By the way, speaking of old times, Sunday night during our services, who should walk in but Kenny Marken. It certainly was good to see him again, in fact I could hardly believe my eyes. I understand that he will be commissioned soon, after which he will be placed in the reserve. He told me that he planned to return to Bryan and finish there."

"Since it was impossible for us to return to Bryan this year, I thought it might be possible for me to take a few courses in some night school. However, I found that most of the courses were for business purposes only. Since I am so near Kent State University, it might be possible for me to enter there as a special student.

"May the Lord richly bless you and the work at Bryan."



Audrey Roos, ex'48, St. Louis, Mo.

"Yes, I'm still here, at least physically. My mental being is buried deep in anatomy, nursing arts; pharmacology, chemistry, psychology, sociology social adjustments, professional adjustments, and personal hygiene. . .

"A couple weeks ago I had to give a speech on 'The Moral Traits of the Ideal Nurse' in one of my classes. The instructor told the class when she made the assignment that she thought I would handle the subject well since she knew my plans for the future. She was referring to my plans for the mission field, of course. So I gave my speech. I had prayed a lot before that the Lord would give me the right thing to say, for you can realize the possibilities on the subject. Well, I got up and put across the idea that our morals depend on our standing with God; if we are in fellowship and close contact with God, our morals just can't be other than good. In other words I preached. And yet I had to be discrete because of all the denominations and sects represented. Well, that branded me right away as a fanatic, one mentally 'off.' Ever since then, every time I meet a girl, she starts out like this, 'Is it too personal to ask why you don't go to the show?' or 'What church do you belong to?' or 'Where are you going as a missionary?' or 'Do you believe in dancing?' In other words, the Lord is just shoving opportunities into my lap.

Donna Bechtel, ex'48, Fredericktown, O.

"I received the copy of the October BRYANETTE. It sure gives me a thrill to read it and also makes me very homesick. I miss each and every one of you so much. I just wish I could see all of you. The Lord willing, it may be possible. . . I was terribly anxious to get home to see everyone, but now that I am again working among the worldly people, I often wish I could be back at Bryan for a little while, if not to stay. I have a very good job where I am now. . .

"It was so much fun to see the quartette and Miss Peck this last summer. I only wish they could have stayed longer. . .

"The Lord has been so good to me this summer. I can't begin to tell all He has done for me and others here. For one thing, He has brought Bob home. . . He should be home to stay some time next week. It is really almost too good to be true! . . ."

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"I just finished watching an operation on a man for hernia. It was fun. I don't suppose you would be interested in all the details.

"Guess who came to see me today! Gwen Hay heard for the first time today that I am in training here, so she came to see me. And was I ever happy!

"There is just nothing like the Bryan family, is there?"



Paul E. Smith, Jr. ex '48, Amherst, Mass.  
Massachusetts State College

"Enclosed you will find a clipping which I think will interest you very much. It appeared in today's issue of our college paper and is quite provocative, to put it mildly.

"Mr. Basil Wood, I might say, is the only individual on the faculty who is truly Christian. He refused to give permission for the dissemination of liberal theological literature in the library, firmly stating his belief in the 'fundamentals,' and as a result is being

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Norma Jean Martin, ex '48, Springfield, Ohio

"How is this year's school? I hear that you have a full house. I would like to be in your midst but He didn't see fit.

"I know you are wondering how I am getting along. I have a good office job as a typist in the same plant my father works in.

"What do the freshmen think of Bryan? Do they like it as much as we did last year? I enjoy getting letters from the kids. I wish that they would write more."

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#### LASTING THANKSGIVING

Thy loving kindness, Lord, to me

Forever will a wonder be.

I try to count my blessings o'er,

And find them growing more and more.

Should life for me be extra long,

In which to sing my thankful song,

Yet, a dozen lives too short a time

To tell Thy love, so sweet, sublime.

'Twould take more than eternity--

To sing my humble thanks to Thee.

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ridiculed all over the campus.

"Mr. Wood has on display at present an excellent selection of Christian books--with such authors as Dr. Ironside, R. A. Torrey, and Harry Rimmer represented.

"I have given Mr. Wood a copy of the school catalog, hoping he will investigate it further.

"I trust that everything is proceeding smoothly at school; indeed, I am sorry that it is not possible for me to be with you this year, but I am looking forward to returning in the future."